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Sweden has taken part in NATO Summit for the first time as full member

12 July 2024

U.S. President Joe Biden, Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson and NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg.

Photo: NATO

NATO Summit in Washington DC on 9-11 July 2024.

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Minister for Foreign Affairs Tobias Billström and Prime Minister of the United Kingdom Keir Starmer.

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• Article: Sweden has taken part in NATO Summit for the first time as full member

Sweden enters into partnership with the state of New York

12 July 2024 From left to right: Major General Raymond F. Shields with Marcos Soler, Deputy Secretary for Public Safety in the state of New York, and Sweden's Minister for Defence Pål Jonson with Major General Johan Pekkari. Photo: Johan Hjelmstrand

On 12 July, Minister for Defence Pål Jonson signed a Letter of Intent concerning security cooperation between Sweden and the U.S. state of New York. The cooperation will be mainly between the Swedish Armed Forces and the New York National Guard as part of the United States' State Partnership Program (SPP).

Press release: Sweden enters into partnership with the state of New York

The Government adopts Sweden's first defence and security space strategy

05 July 2024 Sweden's defence and security space strategy. Photo: David Björkén/Northern Panorama

"With this strategy, we are strengthening the defence and security dimension of space policy so that Sweden is better postured to meet the challenges in space and to use space for defence and security," says Minister for Defence Pål Jonson.

• Press release: Sweden's first defence and security space strategy

Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson, Minister for Foreign Affairs Tobias Billström and Minister for Defence Pål Jonson. Photo: Magnus Liljegren/Government Offices

Sweden's national security - for a safer and more secure Sweden in uncertain times

The Government has adopted Sweden's new national security strategy, which includes five guiding principles for management of Sweden's security. It constitutes the framework for the Government's work on national security until 2030.

• Article: Sweden's national security - for a safer and more secure Sweden in uncertain times

Photo: Niklas Forsström/Government Offices

Defence Cooperation Agreement with the United States

The Defence Cooperation Agreement (DCA) between Sweden and the US was adopted by the Riksdag on 18 June 2024. The Government submitted a bill on the issue to the Riksdag on 8 May 2024.

• Defence Cooperation Agreement with the United States

Photo: Niklas Forsström/Government Offices

Camilla Waltersson Grönvall

Military support package 16: the largest military support package to Ukraine to date

29 May the Government presented its 16th and largest military support package to Ukraine to date since Russia's full-scale invasion began. Sweden will provide Ukraine with a completely new capability to strengthen its collective air defence. The package, which will be part of an upcoming additional amending budget, amounts to SEK 13.3 billion and will meet Ukraine's prioritised needs.

· Press release: Military support package 16 to Ukraine - new capability to strengthen Ukraine's air defence and support to meet its prioritised needs

Hans Wallmark, chairman of the Swedish Defence Commission, submitted its final report on the development of the military defence, Strengthened defence capability, Sweden as an Ally, Ds 2024:6, to Minister for Defence Pål Jonson and Minister for Civil Defence Carl-Oskar Bohlin. Photo: Magnus Liljegren/The Government Officies

Swedish Defence Commission submited final report on military defence

On Friday, 26 April 2024, the Swedish Defence Commission submitted its final report on the development of the military defence, Strengthened defence capability, Sweden as an Ally, to Minister for Defence Pål Jonson and Minister for Civil Defence Carl-Oskar Bohlin.

 Article: Swedish Defence Commission submits final report on military defence: Strengthened defence capability, Sweden as an Ally Close filter

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Sweden to join a drone cooperation for Ukraine

Sweden will enter a coalition together with eleven other countries, which, through joint procurement, will support Ukraine's armed forces with unmanned aerial vehicles – drones. Systems training may also be included.

Published 11 July 2024 · Press release from Pål Jonson, Ministry of Defence

New Nordic cooperation for accessible airspace

The Nordic countries are entering into a cooperation to promote access to Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden's airspace for NATO's air operations. On 9 July, a declaration of cooperation was signed by the countries' defence ministers in connection with the NATO Summit in Washington DC.

Published 10 July 2024 · Press release from Pål Jonson, Ministry of Defence

Sweden attends first NATO Summit as member of the defence Alliance

On 9–11 July, NATO's 32 member countries are gathering for the NATO Summit in Washington DC. Sweden is represented by Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson, Minister for Foreign Affairs Tobias Billström and Minister for Defence Pål Jonson. The Summit is the first one Sweden is attending as a full member of the defence Alliance.

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National security strategy

Based on our national security interests, the international situation and Sweden's strength and assets, this strategy establishes that safeguarding Sweden's national security is the Government's most important task and top priority. Sweden must rapidly strengthen its capability to prevent and deal with the various threats and risks that are described in this strategy.

Published 08 July 2024 · Information material from Pål Jonson, Ulf Kristersson, Ministry of Defence, Prime Minister's Office

Sweden's first defence and security space strategy

On 4 July, the Government adopted Sweden's first defence and security space strategy – The role of space in a new security environment.

Published 05 July 2024 · Press release from Pål Jonson, Ministry of Defence

Speech by Minister for Defence Pål Jonson in Manila

Speech by Minister for Defence Pål Jonson at the Swedish National Day reception organised by the Embassy of Sweden in the Philippines on 6 June 2024 in Manila. Check against delivery.

Published 18 June 2024 · Speech from Pål Jonson, Ministry of Defence

Pål Jonson to the meeting of NATO Ministers of Defence

On 13–14 June, Pål Jonson will take part in a meeting of NATO Ministers of Defence in Brussels for the first time since Sweden became a full member of NATO. The agenda includes discussions about NATO's deterrence and defence capabilities and preparations ahead of the NATO Summit in Washington DC in July.

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Sweden to contribute to NATO Air Policing

The Government has decided to contribute aircraft to NATO Air Policing. The Swedish Armed Forces will thus have leeway to provide aircraft in the near future to carry out aerial surveillance under NATO's command.

Published 11 June 2024 · Press release from Pål Jonson, Ministry of Defence

Sweden takes part in JEF activity to protect critical underwater infrastructure in Baltic Sea

The Joint Expeditionary Force (JEF) is once again increasing its presence in the Baltic Sea and the North Atlantic to help protect critical underwater infrastructure.

Published 03 June 2024 · Press release from Pål Jonson, Ministry of Defence

Military support package 16 to Ukraine - new capability to strengthen Ukraine's air defence and support to meet its prioritised needs

Today, 29 May, the Government is presenting its 16th and largest military support package to Ukraine to date since Russia's full-scale invasion began. Sweden will provide Ukraine with a completely new capability to strengthen its collective air defence. The package, which will be part of an upcoming additional amending budget, amounts to SEK 13.3 billion and will meet Ukraine's prioritised needs.

Published 29 May 2024 · Press release from Ebba Busch, Pål Jonson, Ministry of Defence

Pål Jonson travels to Asia and the Pacific Region

Minister for Defence Pål Jonson will travel to Singapore, Australia and the Philippines in the first week of June. He will participate in the Shangri-La Dialogue international defence summit and several bilateral meetings.

Published 20 May 2024 · Press release from Pål Jonson, Ministry of Defence

Strategic Direction for Defence Innovation

Innovative emerging and disruptive technologies that benefit defence and security are of central importance amid the intensifying political, ideological and economic tensions shaping the international situation. The Government is now presenting a strategic approach for defence innovation that collects and clarifies political ambitions and measures going forward. This strategic approach creates conditions to accelerate and mutually strengthen innovation in the military and civilian sectors, contributing to Sweden's defence capability and innovative capacity, increased competitiveness and enhanced security.

Published 16 May 2024 · Information material from Pål Jonson, Ministry of Defence

DCA bill submitted to Swedish Riksdag

The Government has decided to submit the Agreement on Defense Cooperation bill between Sweden and the United States to the Swedish Riksdag. The agreement complements Sweden's NATO accession and strengthens the country's defence by facilitating US military presence in Sweden.

Published 08 May 2024 · Press release from Pål Jonson, Ministry of Defence

Letter of intent on deeper cooperation between Sweden and Germany

On 5 March, Swedish Minister for Defence Pål Jonson and German Minister of Defence Boris Pistorius signed a letter of intent on deeper defence cooperation between Sweden and Germany.

Published 03 May 2024 · Swedish Treaty Series from Pål Jonson, Ministry of Defence

Joint vision to enhance Nordic defence cooperation

In connection with the NORDEFCO ministerial meeting on 29–30 April in Tórshavn, Faroe Islands, the Nordic defence ministers signed Vision 2030, a steering document on Nordic defence cooperation going forward.

Published 30 April 2024 · <u>Article</u> from <u>Pål Jonson</u>, <u>Ministry of Defence</u>

State Visit from Denmark - programme and media accreditation

The King and Queen of Denmark will pay a State Visit to Sweden on 6-7 May 2024 at the invitation of His Majesty The King.

Published 29 April 2024 · <u>Press release</u> from <u>Ebba Busch</u>, <u>Jessika Roswall</u>, <u>Lotta Edholm</u>, <u>Pål Jonson</u>, <u>Parisa Liljestrand</u>, <u>Tobias Billström</u>, <u>Ulf Kristersson</u>, <u>Ministry for Foreign Affairs</u>

Swedish Armed Forces to contribute forces in Latvia

The Swedish Government has decided to task the Armed Forces with planning and preparing Swedish participation in NATO's Enhanced Forward Presence, Forward Land Forces (FLF), in Latvia. The contribution will consist of a force equalling the size of a reduced battalion of 600 soldiers. It will be part of a brigade led by Canada beginning in early 2025.

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